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Subject: Deny Permits for Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine

Dear EPA,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Underground Injection Control Program's Draft Permits for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine and Deep Disposal Wells.

I live in Spokane Washington, near the Midnight Uranium Mine. I am well aware of the permanent contamination caused by uranium mining. Water is contaminated first. People and animal health are permanently at risk. Eventually people die from uranium poisoning. I am watching it daily.

I am also well aware that uranium mining is traditionally and always carried out on or near the lands of our so called "disposable" populations, indigenous, the poor.

People's lives are sacred and precious.
Water is indispensable for human life.
Our land is the only place we have to live.

The proposed mine and deep disposal wells are in an area that is documented to have faults, fractures, breccia pipes, and over 7000 old boreholes that have not been properly plugged. It will be impossible to contain mining fluids or waste liquids, and contamination of groundwater resources is very likely.

Furthermore the proposed mine is 50 miles from MtRushmore, one of our highly visited and most treasured monuments. A full survey of cultural and historical sites is needed before mining or deep disposal is allowed. Cultural and historical sites must be protected.

These permits should not be issued. There is too much at risk, from the protection of groundwater, the health of residents and the health of every tourist who visits M Rushmore.

Uranium mining has already taken too many lives. Do not approve this mine.

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